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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE TITLE

The original application was filed with the invention title as follows:

PROTECTOR FOR A FIBRE-OPTIC CATHETER

The application is hereby amended to reflect the invention title as follows:

PROTECTOR FOR AN OPTICAL FIBER PROBE